



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM

To: Director, Bureau of Land Management  
Director, National Park Service

From: Secretary *Gale A. Norton*

Subject: Administrative Responsibility for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail

In accordance with the National Trails System Act of 1968 (16 USC 1241-51), I direct that administrative responsibility for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail be assigned jointly to the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service.

This assignment is consistent with the recommendations of both agencies and acknowledges the complementary skills both agencies offer in administering and managing national historic trails in the Southwest. As you did in 2001 for the El Camino Real De Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail, please work together in the next few months to formulate a Preplan Agreement to clarify and define your agencies mutual roles and responsibilities regarding this trail.

Coadministration of the trail is a continuation of the commitment already shown by each agency and will be a great asset in assuring optimum preservation, enhancement, and public access for this outstanding, nationally significant resource.